

CREEL DIDN'T SAY IT, BUT CONGRESS HAS TO SPILL INK

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Not seeking war, but had it forced upon them by the autocracy that had for decades prepared for war. Germany's tremendous preparation over a period of years is historical proof of her anxiety to provoke a quarrel when ready and foist her Pan-Germanism on the rest of the world.

News Not Opinions.

Mr. Creel might better have let such controversial matters as pre-war policies alone. Similarly, he ought not to be engaging in discussions or controversies concerning present policies of the Government. His function, as it was understood at the beginning, was and should be to give out facts—information—on which intelligent criticism could be based.

There are plenty of organs of opinion inside and outside of the Government. Public officials have ample opportunities for defense by speeches and public statements. But the committee on public information was sanctioned at first as a nonpartisan institution, not interested in defending anybody or anything, but giving the facts or assisting those who are trying to get the facts.

Unfortunately, the public impression of the committee on public information is getting to be one of suspicion that the institution is primarily interested in defending the administration against attacks. The belated defense of the Garfield coal order, which for plain blundering in

method has not been surpassed, is a case in point. The committee on public information has done much good work. George Creel has not been sitting up nights trying to figure out ways to embarrass the newspapers or suppress the news. His efforts have been decidedly affirmative, and they have not been as widely appreciated as they should be. Nor has he had the support of those officials of the Government who believed in carrying on this war in a quiet-confidential fashion, even to the identification of the lists of the honored dead.

There is a distinct need for a committee on public information to conduct a pro-American propaganda. Such men as Will Erwin, Harvey O'Higgins, Robert Rudd Whitling, and other well-known writers are a part of the branch organization now, and they are doing valuable work. Yet the effort of the committee is constantly being discredited in Congress and elsewhere.

What Really Counts.

Whether Congress has been picking on George Creel or George Creel has been antagonizing members of Congress is not very important, but whether an effective committee on public information is being created is of the utmost importance. There has been every evidence of late that the committee is getting better organized. If it will eliminate all references either by public speech or pronouncement of any kind to the wisdom or unwisdom of Government policies and make of itself a medium of expression for those responsible heads of Government departments who may want to speak or issue facts concerning the conduct of the war, it will grow in prestige and importance.

But, no matter how effective the Creel committee becomes, it never will be of the importance which some members of Congress seem to think it already has. There are several hundred correspondents in Washington and dozens of bureaus investigating the conduct of the war first hand. The committee can help these men get the facts, but it never can mold their opinions. The committee has, with few important exceptions, never exercised any functions of censorship. Yet the public believes the Creel committee is the chief obstacle in the way of getting the news. The chief obstacle is still the stupid public official who thinks the size of his nose and shoes worn by American troops is military information.

Attacks on Mr. Creel for his public speeches have taken up valuable time in Congress. He didn't commit the faux pas of which some Senators and Congressmen have accused him. But what difference does that make to Congress, with its hit or miss methods?

Such is the pathetic prominence of George Creel.

THE CITY'S SOCIAL SIDE

Reception By
Mrs. Guernsey
D.A.R. Event

Festivities in connection with the twenty-seventh annual Continental Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution will commence this evening with the president general's reception, always the most brilliant feature of the week. The formal opening of the congress this afternoon was more than usually interesting. The Secretary of State and the ambassadors of the allies, headed by M. Jusseland, dean of the diplomatic corps, being present. Mrs. George Thacher Guernsey, president general of the organization, will give her reception at the Pan-American Union Building instead of in Continental Memorial Hall, where the function is usually held. The hostess will be assisted in receiving by Mrs. Jusseland, wife of the French ambassador; all the ladies of the Cabinet, except Mrs. Lansing, who is in mourning; and Mrs. Redfield, who is out of town; and Mrs. George Barnett, wife of the commander of the Marine Corps, and Mrs. Benson, wife of Admiral Benson, U. S. N., and several past presidents. Brig. Gen. George Richards, paymaster general of the Marine Corps, who is president of the Sons of the American Revolution, assisted by a committee from the S. A. R., will make the presentations. A program of special music has been arranged. The committee in charge consists of Mrs. Mary Logan Tucker, of Washington; Mrs. John Hargis Yawger of New York; and Mrs. Robert Hogan, of Philadelphia.

The reception committee for the congress includes: Mrs. Mary Logan Tucker, chairman; Mrs. John Francis Yawger, vice chairman; Mrs. Robert G. Hogan, vice chairman; Mrs. Mary S. Lockwood, Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, Mrs. J. Morgan Smith, Mrs. John Newman Carey, Mrs. George M. Sternberg, Mrs. Charles S. Whitman, Mrs. John A. Logan, Mrs. Jennie D. Garrison, Mrs. William T. Block, Mrs. B. C. Morgan, Mrs. Joseph E. Randall, Mrs. William H. Thompson, Mrs. Delos A. Blodgett, Mrs. William C. Boyce, Mrs. John Lee Dinwiddie, Mrs. Sallie Mar-



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Mr. and Mrs. John Sidney Webb have as their guest their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Haywood Hutchinson Webb, wife of Lieutenant Webb, U. S. A., who is now in France.

Miss Judith Atwater, daughter of Mrs. Louis Lombard, has returned to Washington after an absence of several months. Mr. and Mrs. Lombard and the younger members of the family are in Cuba, en route from Barcelona, Spain, where they spent the winter.

Guests At House Party.

Mrs. L. H. Woodruff will return to New York tomorrow after a short visit with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Micou. Her sister, Miss Evelyn Byrd Smith, who accompanied her to Washington, will remain longer with Mr. and Mrs. Micou. Miss Ethel Rose, fiancée of Mr. and Mrs. Micou's son, Hilary H. Micou, was to have been a member of the house party, but was unable to come. Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Micou had a young people's tea in compliment to her guests. Miss Minna Blair and Miss Cecilia McCallum presided at the tea table.

Miss Ray in Wed.

The wedding party of Miss Antoinette Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Ray, and Joseph West Montgomery, of New Orleans, who will be married on Wednesday afternoon in Trinity Church, Georgetown, will be composed of the bride's sister, Mrs. Maurice Villack, of Pittsburgh, matron of honor, John Y. Fauntleroy, of New Orleans, best man, and Lieut. Frederick R. Gibbs, U. S. R. C.; Lieut. J. E. B. La Plante, U. S. R. C.; and Ensign Anthony D. Lynch, Jr., U. S. N. R., who will be ushers.

Mr. Montgomery is the district attorney of the State of Louisiana, and will take his bride to New Orleans to live. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Farrar Montgomery, of New Orleans, and Lake Providence, La., and a nephew of Senator Joseph E. Ransdell.

Mrs. W. C. Harlowe was hostess at an informal tea yesterday afternoon, entertaining for her guests Miss Christine Robertson and Miss Mary Burbank, of Temple, Tex., who are pages at the D. A. R. Congress. Miss Robertson is page to the president general.

Miss Evelina Gleaves, daughter of Swift & Company's sales of beef in Washington for the week ending Saturday, April 13, 1918, averaged as follows: Domestic beef, 19.12 cents per pound—Adv.

There will be an exhibition of Persian and Siamese paintings and specimens of illuminating work by Miss Dorothy Dent at the salon next Sunday.

Takes Boxes for Benefit. Among those who have taken boxes for the lecture to be given by Lieut. Est. O'Brien, R. F. C., at the National Theatre, for the benefit of the Working Boys' Home and the Soldiers' and Sailors' Lodgings, are Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins, Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, Mrs. Richard Crane, 34, Mrs. Walter Tucker, and Mrs. Frederic Atherton. A committee of debutantes will sell flowers. Harold Candee is chairman of the committee of ushers and will select as assistants two officers each from the American, French, British, and Italian armies.

Col. C. C. Calloun, of Washington, is at the Majestic Hotel, New York.

Mrs. John McArthur Harris and her daughter, Miss Lucy W. Harris, who have been making a stay at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., and Washington, are now at their home in Germantown, Pa.

Mrs. Herbert Heston, of Philadelphia, is in Washington visiting her son, Lieut. Herbert Heston, Jr., who is in the quartermaster's department. Mrs. Heston will be the guest of Mrs. F. Gault Parsons while in Washington.

Mrs. Baker, wife of the Secretary of War, who has been in Cleveland for several days, is expected home today.

Capt. Pitt Scott
Today Weds Miss
Rebecca Collier

One of the most interesting marriages of the spring season will be solemnized today when Miss Rebecca Collier, daughter of Mrs. T. DeWitt Talmage, will become the bride of Capt. Pitt Scott, U. S. N. The ceremony will take place at 4 o'clock in Mrs. Talmage's apartment in the Altamont, with the Rev. Dr. Charles Wood, pastor of the Church of the Covenant as the officiating clergyman, and will be followed by a reception from 5 to 7 o'clock. Only relatives and a few intimate friends will attend the ceremony.

The home is effectively decorated with American Beauty roses and Easter lilies, quantities of white flowers, with palms, ferns and smilax, forming a bower where the bridal party will stand. A string orchestra will play the wedding marches and will give a program of incidental music, playing "The Star-Spangled Banner" to carry out the military order. Captain Scott, his best man, Captain Ridley McLean, and the ushers, Maj. Gen. George Barnett and Capt. Roscoe C. Bulmer, will all be in uniform, as will Capt. Fred McCutcheon, U. S. N., cousin of the bride, who will escort her.

Mrs. Talmage will give her daughter in marriage. The bride will wear a quaint gown of soft white satin, made in eighteenth century fashion, over a petticoat embroidered in pearls. The pearl embroidery is also used on the bodice, which has sleeves of tulle. She will wear a tulle veil held in place with orange blossoms and will carry an old-fashioned bouquet.

Mrs. Elaine Elkins, who will be matron of honor and the bride's only attendant, will also wear a period frock. It is made of white satin, combined with mauve, and posed over a petticoat of white batiste and narrow lace ruffles. She will wear a poke bonnet trimmed with coral flowers and streamers of ribbon and will carry an eighteenth century bouquet of pink roses, forget-me-nots, and hellebore, repeating the color scheme of her gown.

Mrs. Talmage's gown is of purple net, built over cloth of silver and trimmed with silver. She will wear a flower hat, violet and white combined, and a sash of bouquet of orchids.

Captain Scott's mother, Mrs. Scott, of Easton, Pa., and his sister, Mrs. Frank E. Hilly, of Baltimore, are in Washington for the wedding. Other guests from out of town are Mrs. John Lindsey McCutcheon, of New York; Mrs. T. G. McCutcheon, of Pittsburgh, and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd, all relatives of the bride. The Rev. and Mrs. Archibald H. Bradshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Howard H. Riegel, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Riegel, Mrs. Clarence Engle, and Mr. Roosevelt Michler, all of Easton, are also here for the wedding, and are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Gravenor.

The Secretary of State and Mrs. Robert Lansing will be members of the little company of guests to attend the ceremony.

On their return from their wedding trip, Captain and Mrs. Scott will occupy Mrs. Talmage's apartment, in the Altamont, 1601 Wisconsin street, in Washington.

Mrs. Talmage is going to New York for several weeks. The bride's traveling costume is a smart suit of khaki colored cloth, worn with a top coat of the same color and a beige hat trimmed with rose and blue flowers.

John Barrett will return to town this evening from Chicago, where he went to attend the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Will Sell Programs. Miss Adelaide Heath, Miss Catherine Hill, Miss Gladys Hinckley, Miss Mary Gibson, Miss Cecilia McCallum, Miss Mary Graham, Miss Denny, Miss Inches, Miss Irwin, and Miss Frances Hoar will sell programs at the performance of "The Merchant of Venice" on Friday afternoon in the Beasco Theatre for the benefit of the American Military Hospital No. 1, in France, and the George Washington University Hospital here. Each young lady will be assisted by an officer of one of the allied countries, and will wear the national colors of her escort.

Dance For Red Cross. The Dixie Chapter, of the U. D. C., will give a dance for the benefit of the Red Cross on Wednesday evening, April 17, at Confederate Memorial Hall. A large attendance is expected. Tickets may be had at the door.

The Dixie Chapter gave a card party last week at the Columbia Country Club, the proceeds going to the "General Harry Heth" fund for the American Military Hospital in France. This was the first of a series of patriotic parties that will be given by the chapter.

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